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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5106**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Murray and Rasmussen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/27/07.

1       AN ACT Relating to emergency preparedness planning for service  
2 animals and household pets; adding new sections to chapter 38.52 RCW;  
3 and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7       (1) The governor, through the Washington state emergency management  
8 division of the military department in consultation with but not  
9 limited to the Washington animal response management team established  
10 under the Washington comprehensive emergency management plan,  
11 representatives of local emergency management, and the department of  
12 agriculture, shall adopt rules no later than twelve months following  
13 the effective date of this act in accordance with the federal pets  
14 evacuation and transportation standards act of 2006, 109 P.L. 308, 120  
15 Stat. 1725, and pending federal emergency management agency guidelines.  
16 The state emergency management plan, including rules, regulations, and  
17 guidelines, shall include provisions to support the needs of  
18 individuals with household pets or service animals in a major disaster

1 or emergency and shall be reviewed and updated at least every two  
2 years.

3 (2) Each county and municipality in the state in accordance with  
4 existing federal requirements shall prepare a written emergency  
5 management plan with all appropriate annexes necessary to implement the  
6 plan. These plans shall include provisions to support the needs of  
7 individuals with a household pet or service animal in a major disaster  
8 or emergency. Each emergency management plan shall be adopted no later  
9 than one year after the state emergency management plan has been  
10 adopted by the state office of emergency management and shall be  
11 evaluated at such subsequent scheduled review of the state  
12 comprehensive emergency management plan.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 When engaged in emergency management activities, an emergency  
16 responder may make every practicable attempt under the circumstances,  
17 without endangering human life, to rescue a service animal or household  
18 pet.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
20 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
21 June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
22 void.

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